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Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/502,399  
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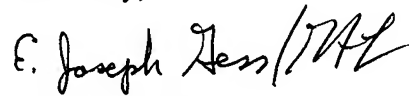
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Unless instructed to the contrary by you in writing, we will not review the patent application publication for errors. If you would like us to review the application, please let us know.

Thank you for allowing us to assist you in this matter. We shall continue to keep you advised of further developments as they occur.

With continuing best regards.

Sincerely,

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